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REVIEW OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN FIELDS WITH WHICH THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS BEEN OR MAY BE CONCERNED

Adverse consequences of the transfer of arms and illicit trafficking in arms on the enjoyment of human rights

Note by the secretariat

1. In its resolution 1997/36, of 28 August 1997, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities authorized Ms. Clemencia Forero Ucros to prepare a working paper, in the context of human rights and humanitarian norms, assessing the utility, scope and structure of a study on weapons of mass destruction or with indiscriminate effect, or of a nature to cause superfluous injury or unnecessary suffering, for submission to the Sub-Commission at its fiftieth session.

2. In its decision 1998/111, of 26 August 1998, the Sub-Commission took note of the circumstances surrounding the inability of Ms. Clemencia Forero Ucros to submit her working paper and decided to request her to submit it to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-first session.

3. In a letter dated 27 May 1999, Ms. Forero informed the secretariat that, owing to other commitments, she would not be able to prepare the working paper for the fifty-first session of the Sub-Commission.